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1. SUMMARY. IN A PRESS BRIEFING ON ENERGY MATTERS, SIMONET MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: THE COMMISSION IS NOT HOSTILE TO THE EFFORTS OF THE ECG BUT BELIEVES THAT WITH OR WITHOUT FRANCE THE COMMISSION SHOULD PARTICIPATE; THE COMMUNITY WILL HAVE TO TAKE PARALLEL ACTION TO THE IEP. HE AND CHEYSSON INTEND TO HAVE UNOFFICIAL TALKS
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WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF OAPC TO EXPLORE THE

POSSIBILITY OF JOINT OIL PRODUCTION AND TREATMENT.
HE ONCE AGAIN HIT THE US ON ENRICHED URANIUM
SUPPLY. END SUMMARY.

2. IN A HASTILY CONVENED AND POORLY ATTENDED PRESS
CONFERENCE PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR THE US ON SEPTEMBER 27,
COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET GAVE A RUN-DOWN ON A NUMBER
OF SUBJECTS RELATING TO ENERGY.

3. THE ECG. SIMONET REPORTED THAT HE SAW NO CONTRADICTION
BETWEEN COMMUNITY ACTIONS ON ENERGY AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ECG.
HE SAID THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE BETTER SERVED IF ALL NINE PARTI-
CIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY POLICY (IEP) BUT SAID THAT EVEN
IF THE FRENCH DO NOT COME IN, THE COMMISSION OUGHT TO
BE REPRESENTED AS AN OBSERVER. OTHERWISE THERE WOULD BE A SERIOUS
DANGER THAT ACTIVITIES TAKEN BY THE IEP AND THE COMMUNITY WOULD NOT
BE IN HARMONY. HE SAID THE COMMUNITY SHOULD TAKE THREE COURSES
OF ACTION TO COMPLEMENT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE IEP. IT SHOULD
ORGANIZE ITS INTERNAL MARKET, SHOULD PROVIDE ITSELF WITH THE
MEANS FOR COOPERATING WITH PRODUCER COUNTRIES, AND SHOULD COOPERATE
IN THE CASE OF SHORTAGES, INCLUDING OIL SHARING.

4. TALKS WITH ARABS. SIMONET ANNOUNCED THAT AS A COMMISSION
INITIATIVE HE AND COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON WOULD IN THE NEAR
FUTURE HAVE UNOFFICIAL TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF
OPEC TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF JOINT OIL PRODUCTION
AND TREATMENT, INCLUDING THE MARSHALING OF CAPITAL AND THE
EXCHANGE OF KNOW-HOW.

5. ENRICHED URANIUM. SIMONET AGAIN CHARGED THAT THE US
IS NOT A RELIABLE SUPPLIER OF ENRICHED URANIUM (REFTEL)
SAYING THAT THE ASSURANCE GIVEN TO PURCHASING COUNTRIES
BY FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON DOES NOT GENERATE ANY ADDITIONAL
PRODUCTION CAPACITY. FROM 1982 ONWARDS, HE SAID, SUPPLIES WILL
BE TOTALLY INSECURE AND THE COMMUNITY WILL HAVE TO TAKE
ACTION TO ASSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY. UNTIL 1982, HE SAID,
EURODIF AND URENCO WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE ONLY A TINY
FRACTION OF THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS BUT AFTER THAT TIME, IF
THE PRODUCERS WERE PREPARED TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO CONTRACTS,
EURODIF COULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION. HE SAID THIS
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ISSUE SHOULD BE SETTLED WITHIN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

6. THE FIVE AT CAMP DAVID. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, SIMONET
SAID HE REGRETTED THE COMMUNITY'S ABSENCE AT CAMP DAVID.
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